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WASHINGTON, August 17, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 12 totaled 340,647, down 0.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 4.0 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.9 percent in the West but down 1.8 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 1,313 cars (1.0 percent). Motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 1,059 cars (7.0 percent). Loadings of waste and scrap materials were down 1,534 cars (15.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 32 weeks of 1989 totaled 10,595,918, down 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,699 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 12, up 0.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of 1989 was 3,533,668 trailers and/or containers, 0.5 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 12 totaled 19.5 billion, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 607.3 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,475	27,036	-2.1 %	24,766	6.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	915	917	-.2	916	-.1
Metallic Ores	21,069	20,416	3.2	21,664	-2.7
Coal	130,234	128,921	1.0	120,282	8.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,435	18,079	-3.6	17,823	-2.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,177	10,870	2.8	10,155	10.1
Grain Mill Products	9,533	9,708	-1.8	10,000	-4.7
Food & Kindred Products	9,019	8,825	2.2	9,054	-.4
Primary Forest Products	9,488	9,799	-3.2	8,957	5.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,271	6,455	-2.9	6,690	-6.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,184	10,725	-5.0	10,608	-4.0
Chemicals	26,927	26,323	2.3	27,277	-1.3
Petroleum Products	5,523	5,318	3.9	4,966	11.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,172	10,842	3.0	10,739	4.0
Coke	5,486	5,672	-3.3	5,975	-8.2
Metals & Products	8,947	9,277	-3.6	9,427	-5.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,241	15,182	7.0	13,946	16.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,086	9,620	-15.9	7,664	5.5
All Other Carloads	6,465	7,015	-7.8	6,483	-.3
Total	**340,647**	**341,000**	**-.1 %**	**327,392**	**4.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 32 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 12, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**340,647**	**341,000**	**-.1 %**	**10,595,918**	**10,688,963**	**-.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	64,262	66,431	-3.3	2,040,809	2,118,925	-3.7
Containers	49,437	46,240	6.9	1,492,859	1,398,069	6.8
Total	**113,699**	**112,671**	**.9**	**3,533,668**	**3,516,994**	**.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.5**	**19.5**	**.0 %**	**607.3**	**609.4**	**-.3 %**

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